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Vols Complete Hoops Staff

Tennessee head coach Jerry Green announced the hiring of Tad Boyle as administrative assistant on his staff.

Boyle rejoins Green after serving as an assistant coach under the Vols' new head coach for three seasons at the University of Oregon. "I think Tad Boyle is the perfect choice for this job because we were faced with some of the same challenges at the University of Oregon that we have here," said Green. "I thought all along that Tad was the person for the job, and it just took a little time to convince him of that."

While at Oregon, Boyle, coordinated team travel, film/video exchange and scouting, as well as being involved in the summer camps.

A high school coach in Colorado for six years prior to joining Green at Oregon, Boyle coached the varsity at Longmont High School from 1990-94 and served as a junior varsity coach the previous two seasons (1988-90) at Loveland High School.

The Colorado native completed a stellar high school career prior to his college career (starter at the University of Kansas 1984 and 1985), captaining Greeley High School to the state championship in 1981. A three-time All-Conference selection, he was twice named All-State and earned All-America honors as a senior. His jersey was retired the following season.

The hiring of Boyle completes Green's first staff at Tennessee. As we mentioned in the last issue, Green has already hired Michael Hunt, Chris Ferguson and Eric Pauley as assistant coaches.

Tennis Coach Leaving University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee announced that it would not renew the contract of tennis coach John Kreis.

Athletic Director Doug Dickey said a search will begin immediately for a successor to Kreis, a UT graduate whose three-year coaching record with the Vols was 35 wins and 37 losses. "A decision has been reached to seek new leadership for our tennis program," Dickey said. "We appreciate Coach Kreis' work over the last three years and wish him well in his future endeavors."

Kreis was disappointed in the decision but accepted it and will move on. "The University has decided not to renew my contract based on results on the tennis court," Kreis said.

Kreis' team this past season was plagued by injury and the suspension of one of its players. After playing at Tennessee from 1977-79, Kreis served under Mike DePalmer as an assistant coach at UT from 1980-85, when he was named head coach at Mississippi State. His Bulldogs had a 38-58 mark in four years. He became head coach at Alabama in 1990 and compiled a 73-52 record before coming to UT to replace the retiring DePalmer.

Early Summer Camp Information

We thought that you might like some information on some of the early summer camp programs. To find out information about men's tennis, track or baseball camps, please call (423) 974-1433; for football camp please call (423) 974-1234; and for men's basketball camps please call (423) 974-1206. For women's camps, including basketball, tennis, track, softball and soccer, please call (423) 974-4275.

Camps: Baseball- June 9-13 and June 15-20; football - June 9-20 and June 26-27; boy's basketball - June 9-14, June 17-19 and June 23-30; boy's track - June 9-11 and June 16-18 and boy's and girl's track- June 28-30; boy's and girl's tennis - June 22-28; girl's basketball - June 20-22; girl's soccer - June 16-24; girl's softball - June 15-19 and June 23-25. Cheerleading camp information can be obtained by calling (800) 238-0286 and asking for Kara Hurt, camp coordinator for UCA. Cheerleading camps as of press time are June 20-22 (UCA Cheerleading Youth), June 20-23 (UCA Cheerleading Elite), June 24-27 (UCA Cheerleading I-all squads, regular camp), and June 24-27 (UDA Dancing I-all squads, regular camp).

The dates for camps are tentative and more information can be reached by calling those numbers mentioned above. Further camp information will be provided in our next issue which will be out the second week of June.

Congratulations Are In Order

A few congratulations are in order. First, to Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Koshlap. Mrs. Koshlap is the former Jennifer Wilson, daughter of Rita Wilson, Coach Dickey's secretary. The Koshlaps were married on Saturday, May 17, in Knoxville. Former Vol Magazine photog (now UT photog) Sarah Huff was married May 24 to Chuck Burnley. Bethe Goforth, our resident computer guru, left UTAD for a new job as comptroller at Blount Memorial Hospital. Did Bethe (whom we knew as BETH-E) know computers or what?

UTAD Secretary Aileen Pierce is now recuperating at home following surgery.

Steve Sams, who compiles the VASF page, joined Peyton Manning as an inductee this spring to the University's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Finally, one of the true, all-time nice people is retiring from UTAD after 23 years. Her name is Ethel Haga and she worked in the Varsity Inn, running the cash register and handling other assorted duties. She was a good friend who made sure the Varsity Inn was a special place.

We wish one and all well.

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Vol golf results from Chicago, Illinois Track & Field Championships.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Over 44 students assistants working for the athletic department graduated from UT in December of 1996 or May of this year.

On May 16, 1997, almost 3000 students received their degrees during graduation ceremonies at Thompson-Boling Arena. Of those students, a select few were not only representing the student body, but had a direct impact on the university by their representing the University of Tennessee's athletic department. They may have served as a student-worker, an intern, or as part of the Vol Spirit Group.

Their assistance is also very important to the success of the Vol athletic program because of their daily contact with the thousands of fans across the nation who call or stop by the university each day. We would like to recognize those who received their degrees in December or in May, and thank them for their dedication and endless pursuit to see that the athletic programs are a success.

Men's Athletic Department

Sports Information: Chad King (Men's Tennis contact) from Seymour; Kevin Marina (Men's Swim contact) from Hendersonville; Sarah Steffen (Student Assistant) from Knoxville. **Athletic Marketing & Development:** David Large (Assistant in Marketing & Development) from Brentwood; and Paula Ogle (Assistant in Development) from Seymour. Athletic Administration: Eddie Howell (Micro Computer Support Specialist) from Knoxville. **Academics:** Elizabeth Leenhouts (Assistant) from Virginia. **Basketball:** Simon Cote (Manager) from Knoxville. **Football:** Gretchen Strawhacker (Hall of Fame Curator) from Hendersonville; Royd Walker (Football Operations) from Chattanooga; Todd Homer Assistant in Recruiting) from Knoxville; Adam Campbell (Manager) from Murfreesboro; Holly Hines (Manager) from Manchester; Shawn Givler (Manager) from Cincinnati, Ohio; Andy Tucker (Manager) from Sweetwater; Ben Hutton (Manager) from Memphis. **Football Recruiting:** Amy Robinson (Vol Hostesses) from Hendersonville. **Athletic Training:** Jason McVeigh (Student Assistant); Brent Ryan (Student Assistant); Chris Ray (Student Assistant); Chad Newman (Graduate Assistant) and John Christofferson (Graduate Assistant). **Spirit Squad:** Vol Pomsquad- Cindy Lacy of Knoxville and Shannon Clark from Chillowee, N.C.; The Volunteer- Greg Herrmann from Lovettesville, Vir.; Smokey- Brian Farmer (Baseball 1995-96 & basketball and football- 1996) from Huber Heights, Ohio; Diamond Girls- Shannon Sharp (co-captain 1996-97) from Knoxville.

Women's Athletic Department

Basketball: Todd Dooley (Manager) from Seymour. **Golf:** Sofi Stromgren (Graduate Assistant) from Harestad, Sweden. **Soccer:** Kevin Armbruster (Manager) from Nashville. **Swimming & Diving:** Angie Graham (Manager) from Ft. Myers, Fla. **Volleyball:** Alex Ericson (Student Assistant) from Nashville. **Academics:** Louise Ericson (Graduate Assistant) from Nashville. **Compliance & Operations:** Joel Roach (Student Assistant) from Birmingham, Ala. **Marketing & Promotions:** Kevin Ross (Graduate Assistant) from Aberfeldy, Scotland and Scott Williamson (Student Assistant) from Lynchburg, Va. **Athletic Training:** Audrey Bell (Student Assistant) from Nashville; Teri Boone (Student Assistant) from Memphis; Laine Dyess (Student Assistant) from Knoxville; Cindy Ellis (Student Assistant) from Knoxville; Catherine Herring (Graduate Assistant) from Thomasville, N.C.; Rick Miranda (Student Assistant) from Youngstown, Ohio; Lisa Stalans (Student Assistant) from Knoxville and Jereme Vendette (Graduate Assistant) from Germantown, Md.

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Spotlight on Vol Graduation...

MANNING EARNS CUM LAUDE HONORS

One of the 1997 graduates of the University of Tennessee who walked across the Thompson-Boling Arena stage on May 16 might have been better known if he had worn an Orange jersey with No. 16 on the front and back and the name "Manning" emblazoned thereon. He chose, however, the requisite cap and gown for the College of Arts and Sciences, complete with a medal awarded by his major area of study, Speech Communication.

Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, now officially part of the UT Class of 1997, graduated cum laude, carrying a 3.6 GPA in Speech Communication. He was the Department's No. 1 graduate, graduating a year ahead of his class.

Peyton was, according to Assistant Athletic Director Student Life Carmen Tegano, the "first student-athlete on record to graduate in three years, much less with honors and the visibility that a college quarterback and campus leader receives."

The son of Archie and Olivia Manning of New Orleans, Peyton is much more than the talented athlete people see on Saturday afternoons in the fall at Neyland Stadium and other venues around the country. His athletic record the past three years speaks for itself. His accomplishments in the classroom, on campus and in the community are likewise impressive.

He was among 75 UT students selected this spring to the Epsilon of Tennessee Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, honoring "outstanding academic achievement in the pursuit of a broadly-based liberal arts education." Candidates come from the top 10 percent of their graduating class, with superlative GPAs, intermediate-level competence in a foreign language, a specified level of mathematics, junior or senior status and a two-year minimum residency at Tennessee being required for election to the chapter.

"It was tough and definitely challenging," he said of his three-year undergraduate career. "This past semester's been tough, since I was taking 22 hours.

"I didn't have any intentions of getting done in three years. My high school, Isidore Newman High School in New Orleans, taught me good study habits and how to organize my time.

"One thing that helped me was coming in here and playing so early. I got in here and was thrown into the fire. That helped me orga-

Peyton Manning receives his degree from Dr. Lorayne Lester.

nize my football time and my school time as well. I maintained a good GPA my freshman year and carried it on through."

In April 1997, Peyton was awarded a Chancellor's Citation for "Extraordinary Campus Leadership and Service" and another for "Extraordinary Academic Achievement."

"THROUGH MY CONTINUOUS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE A GREAT AMBASSADOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE. I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PORTRAY THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY IN ALL MY ENDEAVORS."

— PEYTON MANNING

He was an SEC Academic Honor Roll selection in 1995 and 1996. He was a second team GTE Academic All-America and was selected to the 1996 College Football Association Scholar-Athlete Team. He earned the 1997 American Honda Corporation Scholar-Athlete Award.

Peyton was Treasurer of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society for Speech Communication, a member of the Unity Council, limited to 12 players who serve as a liaison between the football team and the coaching staff, and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, an Athletic Department committee made up of representatives from all sports. He was also a member of Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society, which requires a 3.5 GPA for membership.

In the community, he was chairman of the 1996 Multiple Sclerosis Read-A-Thon and was featured in The Knoxville News-Sentinel reading to children at A.L. Lotts Elementary School from the book "Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days," complete with a necklace of broccoli around his neck.

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Congratulations to the 1996-97 Tennessee Student-Athletes Who Graduated in Either December or May.

Brandon Ally - Track
Marvena Almond - Track
Kathy Blakmore - Soccer
Tracy Bonner - Swimming
Shazzon Bradley - Football
Todd Bricker - Swimming
Mario Brunson - Football
Megan Burch - Track
Ricky Busquets - Swimming
Abby Conklin - Basketball
John Darlington - Baseball
Kari Davis - Swimming
Amy Delashmit - Rowing
John DeWalt - Track
Tory Edge - Football
Ray Espinosa - Baseball
Kevin Foley - Football
Ken Folkers - Baseball
Chester Ford - Football
Brent Gibson - Football
Laura Haynes - Track
Sarah Harper - Rowing
Tyrone Harper - Basketball
Suni Hartsfield - Rowing
Kim Hoogenboom - Rowing
Tom Hutton - Football
Mark Ingram - Football
Joey Kent - Football
Marwin Kline - Track
Brad Lampley - Football
Jamarcus Langston - Track
Chris Leming - Track
Amy Livsey - Golf
Chris Mahoney - Tennis
Peyton Manning - Football
Stewart Maurer - Swimming
Tim McGee - Football
Jon McGowen - Swimming
Floyd Miley - Football
Dan Monaghan - Track
Jamie Neher - Golf
Scott Pfeiffer - Football
Devin Pietrzak - Swimming
Jason Price - Football
Jen Ross - Rowing
John Sartelle - Football
Christie Shefchunas - Swimming
Lans Slack - Golf
Owen Sullenger - Football
Scott Vieira - Baseball
Jason Webster - Track

Vol football players graduating this spring included Kevin Foley, Scott Pfiefer, Chester Ford, Peyton Manning, Tom Hutton, Brent Gibson, Joey Kent and John Sartelle.

Spotlight on the Vols...
VOL LINKSTERS IN CHICAGO

THE TEAM THAT WOULDN'T QUIT

With a big orange sun preparing to set on the 1996-97 Tennessee men's golf season, it seems appropriate to recall the legacy left by this year's unit of Vol linksters. The 1996-97 Vols etched their names in Tennessee golf lore by tying a school record for making their third consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships.

Head coach Mike Malarkey and assistant coach Colin Moskal deserve a great deal of credit for the Vols' ability to peak at the right time. However, the NCAA Championships trip would have been impossible without the efforts of each golfer who steadied the ship when sometimes it looked safer to jump.

Profiles on how each member contributed to "The Team That Wouldn't Quit," as Malarkey aptly calls them, follow.

Coach Mike Malarkey has prepared his linksters to take on the nation's elite in the NCAA Championships in Lake Forest, Ill.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Tim Turpen,
Senior
Fayetteville,
Lincoln County HS

Tim Turpen came to Tennessee from UT-Chattanooga two years ago. He represented Tennessee on the 1997 All-SEC team with his Second-Team selection.

Turpen fired a squad season-best 211 to win The Nelson last November. Turpen is in good company as champion of The Nelson. The last medalist of The Nelson was PGA phenomenon Tiger Woods.

"Tim has had a nice career in Knoxville," Malarkey said. "This year has been a rock-solid one for Tim."

Turpen led the squad the entire season with a 73.27 stroke average going into the NCAA Championships. He participated in every tournament Tennessee played in this year. He also led the Vols in counting rounds. Over 90 percent of Turpen's 33 rounds played counted towards the Vol score.

Turpen has developed a reputation as a closer. He has a knack for finishing the season with a flourish.

His victory at The Nelson closed out the 1996 fall season.

The Tennessee ace closed out the 1995-96 season in impressive fashion.

Turpen placed 24th in a field of 156 of the finest golfers the nation has to offer. During the final round, Turpen even beat Stanford's Tiger Woods by five shots.

The senior from Fayetteville was twice named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Turpen will graduate in December with a degree in management.

Boomer Erick,
Senior
Marco Island,
Fla., Lely HS

Boomer Erick is Tennessee's iron man. "Boomer is the first golfer in my 21 years to play every tournament during his four-year career," Malarkey said.

He performed at such a consistently high level that he tied for second on the squad with 88.9 percent of his rounds counting toward Vol fortunes. Coming into the NCAA Championships, Erick has 135 collegiate rounds under his belt.

Erick has posted some amazing scores over his collegiate career. He posted the second-best 54-hole score in Vol tournament history when he fired a torrid 207 as a sophomore at the 1994 Tennessee Tournament of Champions. Erick earned an All-SEC (Second Team) honor in 1995.

A three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll selection, Erick will graduate in May 1998.

Kevin Law
Sophomore
Hixson, Hixson HS

Kevin Law counted 88.9 percent of his rounds to the Vol cause this year, tied for second on the team.

"Kevin has played every tournament for a year and a half and been a consistent contributor," Malarkey said. "Kevin's even disposition is characteristic of 'The Team That Wouldn't Quit.'"

Law is completing a transformation process from youngster to veteran in his second year. Next season, he will be only one of three returnees from this year's senior-laden squad.

Law, as the resident graybeard, will have to season six incoming freshman to the rigors of collegiate competition.

The faith Coach Malarkey has in Law is evidenced by his playing in every tournament this year and the last 13 tournaments overall for the Vols. Law's contribution to this squad's success is sizeable.

Derrick Centers, Freshman Somerset, Ky., Somerset HS

True freshman Derrick Centers played at a higher level than his academic classification may suggest. The tall Kentuckian cast a long shadow over the links during his first year on "The Hill."

Centers has competed in every tournament of the spring season and eight of the last nine tournaments for the Vols. Centers counted 75.7 percent of his rounds to the Vol cause this season, atypical for a freshman.

Going by the numbers, Centers' best tournament was a 14th-t place, 214-stroke finish at the Alabama Spring Invitational in late March.

However, it was at the NCAA East Regionals May 15-17 where Centers proved his worth as a valuable weapon in the Volunteer arsenal. Impeccable ball striking and a superb short game merged to produce the second-best Vol finish of the critical tournament, a 222 to tie for 24th.

"Tennessee's first player from Kentucky since George Cadle could ultimately be a great one," Malarkey said. "Derrick is a great person, too."

Keith Blythe, Senior Decatur, Ind., Bellmont HS

Keith Blythe is an integral part of Vol championship hopes. Blythe has been at Tennessee for two years following his transfer from Oklahoma State. Last season, Blythe had the second-best stroke average on the squad.

Perhaps the greatest compliment to Blythe is the fact that he has been included on the travel squad for every postseason tournament during his Tennessee career.

At the 1996 SEC Championships, he carded his collegiate-best round of 67 to finish with 217 strokes and finish 11th in the field of 60. Blythe led the Vols at the 1996 NCAA East Regionals with an 26th-t place finish. His score of 226 was instrumental as Tennessee barely qualified for the 1996 NCAA Championships.

This year, Blythe once again became a Vol regular when the championship run began.

During the 1997 postseason, he has participated in the SEC Championships and the NCAA East Regionals. At the SECs, Blythe placed tied for 54th after shooting a 243. At the 1997 NCAA East Regionals, Blythe carded a 230 for a share of 70th.

This year Blythe's scores are not as low as he would like, but Malarkey made certain that his name was on the Tennessee roster for the NCAA Championships.

"A very capable player, Keith could have a good NCAA Finals to cap off his career," Malarkey said.

OTHER SQUAD MEMBERS

Dirk Daniel, Senior, Rutledge, Rutledge HS

Dirk Daniel began his collegiate career at Vanderbilt. After a year, he returned to East Tennessee to become a Volunteer golfer. Eight of his teammates and a coaching staff of two are glad Daniel came.

"In my opinion, Dirk always belonged on the Tennessee golf team," Malarkey said.

During this year, Dirk played in three tournaments with 66.7 percent of his rounds counting. His best finish of the year came at the Keswick Club Cavalier Classic where he posted a solid 219 to tie for 22nd.

"Dirk is small in stature, but he is large in heart with enough talent to letter the last two seasons," Malarkey said.

A two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll selection, Daniel will graduate in August and begin law school at UT in the fall.

Jason Echols, Senior, Niceville, Fla., Niceville HS

Jason Echols played nine rounds for the Vols during his senior campaign. "In his fourth year, Jason's tee-to-green game gelled enough to play three tournaments," Malarkey said. "A final round 72 at the Billy Hitchcock Intercollegiate was instrumental in the Vols going on to NCAA competition at the East Regional."

Echols lettered twice during his collegiate career. Echols will graduate in August with a degree in finance.

Lans Slack, Senior, Bristol, Tennessee HS

Lans Slack did not get to don the orange and white for the Vols this season. However, Slack's Vol golf legacy is important.

He was an important component in the Vols' trip to the 1995 NCAA Championships. The 1995 trip marked the first time that Tennessee had appeared as a team at the NCAA Championships since 1982.

Slack was a regular travel squad member of the 1995 squad that got the Vols out of their NCAA Championship slump.

Slack lettered once while at Tennessee.

A three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll selection, Slack graduated in May with a degree in finance.

Kevin Kinser, Junior, Greeneville, South Greene HS

Kevin Kinser made his mark on Vol golf history by becoming only the second player during the 21-year Mike Malarkey era to join the team through the walk-on tryout and participate in a tournament on the road. Kinser finished with a 233 to finish 70th at the 1996 Keswick Club Cavalier Classic.

"Kevin practices as hard as anyone and plays as much as anyone in Knoxville," Malarkey said.

Kinser will graduate in December 1997. The Greeneville native may compete his senior year by enrolling in graduate school.

While the Vols are basking in the glow of their third consecutive trip to the pinnacle of collegiate golf, it is important to remember that the road wasn't easy. In fact, the Vols fought off adversity at every turn of this journey fraught with peril.

Perhaps the most amazing quality that defines the 1996-97 Vol golf squad was a dogged determination to keep the ship afloat for better things to come.

Postseason prospects certainly appeared bleak after Tennessee struggled to a ninth-place finish at the SEC Championships April 18-20. Instead of sailing to the shores of Lake Michigan for the 1997 NCAA Championships in Lake Forest, Ill., it looked like the Vol ship was heading the way of the Titanic.

After barely qualifying for the NCAA East Regional Championships, a remarkable thing happened. Amidst whispers that maybe the Vols didn't belong in the regionals, the Vols silenced their critics by qualifying easily for the NCAA Championships.

The Vols placed seventh to provide a cushion above the 11-team cut line. Tennessee fired rounds of 293-295-300--888 to outpace the vast majority of the 23-team field at Cascades Course at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va.

The Vols' orange-clad, regional gallery saw Tennessee tie their best regional finish ever. The Vols finished seventh at the 1995 East Regionals.

Boomer Erick led his Tennessee teammates. Erick fired a 218 to place tied for 11th. Derrick Centers tied for 24th with a 222. Tim Turpen contributed a 224 to tie for 34th. Kevin Law followed with a 226 to tie for 47th place. Keith Blythe carded a 230 to place 70th-t.

The Vols posted impressive scores in the classroom, as well. The men's golf team GPA for the 1997 spring semester was an impressive 3.16. While not available at press time, the mark of 3.16 may be the highest team GPA in the UT men's athletic department.

"This character and discipline in the classroom reflects the same traits that make me want to label them 'The Team That Wouldn't Quit,'" Malarkey stated. "I look forward to going to the NCAA Finals at Chicago with them."

Regardless of the outcome of the NCAA Championships, the efforts of these young men should make every Vol fan from Mountain City to Memphis hold their head a little higher.

The Vols competed in the NCAA Championships May 28-31 in a field of 30 of the best teams the nation has to offer. And, yes, they belong there.

19th Hole: The Vol linksters saw Slack and former Vol Jamie Neher take part in commencement services during the May 16 graduation ceremonies.

Neher lettered from 1993-96. Neher led the Vols in stroke average during the 1995-96 season with 73.77.

—Nathan Kirkham

The fourth-ranked Lady Vol golf team made its final ascent of the 1996-97 season, finishing sixth at the 1997 NCAA Golf Championships, held in Columbus, Ohio. UT set its fourth school record of the season as they saved their best round of golf for the final round, carding an impressive 292. Tennessee was the highest placing team east of Arizona. Lady Vol head coach Lori Brock was named Mid-Atlantic East coach of the year. Malin Tveit was named to the All-Region Team.

Spotlight on Vol Baseball...

Vols End Season in Stillwater

Rod Delmonico and the Vols have a critical discussion on the mound.

The Vol baseball team packed its bags and headed to Stillwater, Okla., for the NCAA Midwest Regional held May 22-25. (The Vols were eliminated in the SEC Tournament after dropping games to Florida and LSU in consecutive days.)

The Vols took on Ohio University (43-16) in their first game of Midwest Regional play, hoping to end their late season slump (losing seven of their last 11 games against conference foes).

The Vols had just watched top seed UCLA get knocked off by Harvard in the day's first game and were in no mood to allow Ohio the same courtesy as the Bruins gave their opponents.

The beginning did not seem to show the same thoughts as Ohio took an early 2-0 lead before the Vols responded in the fifth and, behind a 10 strikeout performance from starter Ken Folkers, won the game by a 5-2 tally.

The Vols scored against a team that was ranked in the Top 5 in the country in fielding percentage, and used the two Ohio errors to score four runs in the fifth. Ohio could not muster the requisite hits against Folkers and the Vols and was sent to the loser's bracket of the regional tournament.

With the win, the Vols moved into day two of the tournament to face Oklahoma State.

Tennessee and Oklahoma State went head-to-head and were scoreless after five innings. That's when the wheels seemingly fell off for the Vols as an error and the longball by the Cowboys doomed Tennessee. Luke Hudson, in his first pitching role in over three weeks, had trouble finding the plate and escaped a first inning jam with a strikeout. In the fifth the Cowboys ended the day for Hudson, but not before plating five runs, two off the bat of first baseman Tony Lucca. To make matters difficult, the Vols could manage only one run on four hits, sending them to face the top seed UCLA Bruins in the loser's bracket.

Michael Cosgrove took the mound for Tennessee against the Bruins and went the distance, giving up six hits and five runs, three earned, while striking out a career high 10 batters. That was the good news. The Vols pounded out 13 hits, but managed only three runs in the loss to the Bruins, ending the 1997 campaign for the Vols. The Vols were left wondering what if when Jeff Pickler's long fly ball was snagged before reaching the fence, only to see the hit become a 400-foot out and end Tennessee's dreams.

With the loss, the Vols finished the season 42-19, earning several team records and reaching regional action, a goal which many thought was impossible considering the youth of the pitching staff. The Vols began the season a school-best 18-2, hit a team record 78 home runs and shattered the doubles record with 149. Clay Greene also finished second in the nation in steals with 54, while getting caught only nine times.

The Vols now turn to next year with a potentially outstanding crop of youngsters signed for next season as well as having some seasoned veterans returning. However, a few of the veterans will be pondering their status as they wade through the major league draft. The Vols accomplished a great deal in 1997 and created many memories in the process. The season may have ended in Stillwater, but will last in the minds of Vol fans for a lifetime.

Vol Line Scores

Ohio	**100**	**100**	**000**	**—2**	**10**	**2**
Tennessee	**000**	**140**	**00x**	**—5**	**10**	**2**

Sismondo (7), Schubmehl and Gick (9). Folkers (8), Abell, Odom and Anderson (8). W- Folkers (7-3). L- Sismondo (11-2). Sv- Odom (2). E- OU- J. Arbinger 2 (10); UT- Ross (7) and Pickler (14). Time- 2:12. Att- 2495.

Tennessee	**010**	**010**	**001**	**—3**	**13**	**1**
UCLA	**200**	**020**	**10x**	**—5**	**6**	**1**

Cosgrove and Anderson (9). Zamora (9), Meyer and Cloud (9). W- Zamoa (6-2). L- Cosgrove (10-6). Sv- J. Meyer (8). HR- UCLA- Valent (24). E- UT- Greene (5); UCLA- Glaus (31). Time- 2:37. Att- 2466.

Oklahoma State	**000**	**005**	**001**	**—6**	**5**	**0**
Tennessee	**000**	**001**	**000**	**—1**	**4**	**1**

Adkins and Puffinbarger (9). Hudson (6), Myers (6), Abell (6), Odom and Duckwiler (9). W- Adkins (11-4). L- Hudson (6-2). HR- OSU- Lucca (10); UT- Ross (9). E- UT- Odom (2). Time- 2:41. Att- 3761.

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Ben Byrd...
"Minor Sports"—No Longer Minor!

When I first started writing sports for the Knoxville Journal back in 1947, we usually referred to UT athletic programs except football and basketball as ìminor sports."

Somewhere along the way the description was changed to "spring sports." I guess somebody thought that ìminor" was a bit unkind.

But whatever they were called, there was no question that track and field, baseball, golf, tennis, and swimming were the UT Athletic Department's stepchildren. As a general rule these programs offered no scholarships, produced no revenue and were left up to part-time coaches moonlighting from their regular jobs.

Compared to today's full-funded all-sports policy, that sounds bad. But it wasn't, really. It was all that Tennessee, and most universities, could do under the economic circumstances that prevailed at the time. Football was only the real money-maker back then, and its revenue was limited by the relatively modest size of Shields-Watkins Field stadium. There were no television contracts to bring in the big bucks, as there are now, and the Vol radio network was first learning to walk.

Basketball, the only other sport that did any box office business, had to struggle to pay its own way. The old Alumni Memorial Gym only accommodated about 3300 spectators if you crowded them in sideways. And, again, there was no TV market to turn to for additional cage revenue.

But even under those austere conditions, the Vols managed to field some good teams and some truly outstanding individual performers in the secondary sports in those years. That was due in large part to the unselfish men who contributed their time and expertise to serve as coaches for very modest wages. It is little late for it now, I suppose, but they deserve some recognition for the dedicated work that they did.

Dr. James G. (Jimmy) Walls was the UT golf coach from the 1930s on into the 1960s. In his full-time job he was a geology professor on the UT faculty, but golf was a great passion for him and he dearly loved his work with the Vol links brigade. And even without scholarships to offer, somehow this charming and persuasive man was able to lure some very outstanding young players to The Hill. One of the best UT golf teams ever assembled was an early '50's group that included future PGA star Mason Rudolph, future amateur standout Eddie Brantly, and Carroll Armstrong, who later became a widely respected club professional.

A very fine gentleman named WD. Buchanan was the varsity tennis coach back in those years. He almost always came up with very competitive teams. The one that I recall best was the Southeastern Conference champion team of 1952, which boasted such standouts as Bill Davis, future actor John Cullum and basketball star Tommy Bartlett, who later became the head cage coach at the University of Florida.

Athletes from the football and basketball squads often changed hats to help out the little brothers of the varsity sports programs. For example, the 1951 NCAA runner-up baseball team would have never made it to Omaha without footballers Bert Rechichar and Herky Payne and basketballer Dale Powell.

Cy Anderson, the coach of that team was the only man ever hired purely for that job until recent years. As a general rule, assistant football coaches were converted into baseball coaches in the spring. Ike Peel, George Cafego an Bunzy O'Neill each served a turn there and there was one season when basket ball coach Emmett Lowery was drafted for the job.

The track and field coach had to double up as assistant basketball coach in the late 1940's and 50's. Carlton Crowell did such a good job with the track team that he was recruited by West Point to coach the Army team. Among the standouts that Crowell brought in were distance runner Alf Holmberg and pole vaulter Martin Korik, both world class in their day. John Sines, who succeeded Crowell, had some good teams and a brilliant individual champion in miler Ed Murphey.

Karl Bahret (swimming) and Bo Maher (wrestling) were other part-time coaches whose contributions to the sports program were the result of labors of love. Everything is strictly uptown now, with all the modern facilities and big coaching staffs and so forth, but it doesn't hurt to remember the men who blazed the trail.

Former Vol

Jeff Powell (1985-86)

Jeff Powell came to Tennessee as a transfer from William & Mary and made his unique mark on both the football and track programs.

He did so in football in 1985, filling in when the Vols almost literally ran out of tailbacks. His most memorable moment? It had to be the 1986 Sugar Bowl when Powell had a 60-yard TD run that was a highlight of the now-famous 35-7 win over Miami.

In track, Powell was third in the NCAA Indoor 55 M hurdles in 1995 indoors, earning All-America honors. He lettered in 1985 and 1986. He was state champion in both hurdles at Whites Creek High School in Nashville.

T-Club records indicate that Powell now lives in Nashville.

Jeff Powell had magic moments for the Vols in football and track.

Peyton was a featured speaker, along with Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tennessee), when 300 of the top students from 64 public, private and parochial schools across 16 counties in East Tennessee were honored at Knoxville' Hyatt Regency Hotel. He worked at the Knoxville's Boy's and Girl's Club and is deeply involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, speaking the past two years at the FCA's annual fund-raising breakfast. He had an Internship with Knoxville's Downtown Organization. He spoke at a campus Leadership Conference in 1996.

He gave his personal testimony at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., with over 1,000 people in attendance, and was the guest speaker for two First-year studies classes on the importance of Time Management and Study Habits. He also volunteered at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute in Knoxville. He was grand marshall of Knoxville's 1997 Dogwood Arts Grand Festival Parade.

When Peyton spoke at the March 1996 graduation ceremonies at the Morgan County Regional Correction Facility near Wartburg, Tenn., he said it was "truly a good experience.

"It opens your eyes to the world a little more," he said. "Anytime you go to a place like that, you learn you don't want to go back for the wrong reasons. It makes you think twice about some things you're tempted to do, because you never know what might happen.

"There were some nice people in there, but obviously they had done something wrong in their life. It makes you want to hang around the right people."

Peyton also made a positive impression on one of his teachers.

"There is another Peyton Manning," Faye Julian, Professor of Speech Communication, and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, said, "who is just as impressive although not as well-publicized. That Peyton is a warm, generous, and a scholarly young man who does well in the classroom and serves his University and community.

John Sartelle and Peyton Manning spend a few moments discussing the day's events.

"What most people don't know about Peyton is how willing he is to give of himself. He seemingly never turns down a request to give a speech or read a book at a local school, or visit a church, or lend his name to charitable activities on campus. He is active in speech department activities, in campus events, and community causes. Blessed with enormous talent and poise, Peyton Manning is humble, kind and caring."

"It makes you feel good about yourself if you're doing something good for somebody," Peyton said, not in direct response to Dr. Julian's comments, but it had the same impact. That said, he shared some of the things he had done that made an impression on him.

"One of the most difficult tasks I have faced while helping the community has been visiting seriously ill patients in the hospital. Hopefully, I have given these patients some feeling of happiness through my visits. I have seen several children with different types of cancer, I have visited birthday parties for terminally ill children and I visited a young boy who was paralyzed on a hiking trip.

"Each of these visits was extremely difficult because I was exposed to the pain and suffering these patients and families have experienced, but I am excited to bring hope into their lives. I got a lot out of it and hope they did also."

There are some final things even the most casual observer of Peyton Manning notices quickly. That is a definite sense of focus, a definite set of priorities, and a definite sense of purpose.

"I have preached on the importance of making faith, family, education and social life priorities, in that order. Hopefully, the students understand that football is only a fraction of my life and I rank it along with my social responsibilities.

"I believe that I have successfully impacted at least a few students, hopefully more, but if I can help change even one student from drugs, violence or other problem, I consider what I've done a success."

This Week In Big Orange Country

Track Roundup

Once again this spring, some of the greats in the world of track and field gathered in Knoxville. This time it was for the 25th Annual Gatorade Track Classic at Tennessee's Tom Black Track. Among those competing May 23-24 were Olympians Dave Stephens, C.J. Hunter, Natasha Kaiser-Brown, Mark Croghan and Tennessee's own Todd Williams.

Four were victorious in the events in which they competed. Stephens, an Olympian in 1988, won the javelin with a throw of 266-7. Hunter, who finished seventh in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, picked up the shot put title with a toss of 68-4 1/2, and that throw would have earned him the silver medal in Atlanta. Kaiser-Brown, a member of the 4x400 relay team in Atlanta, won the open 400 meters with a time of 52.33. Croghan, fifth in the 3000 steeplechase in Atlanta, ran away from the field in the event and won in a time of 8:35.77. He outdistanced second place Doug Ellington of Tennessee by nearly 25 seconds.

Williams,though, was not in his usual 10,000 meter race. He dropped down to the 1500 to get a speed workout.

"I do it maybe once or twice a year in races," Williams. "I got bumped around a little bit, but that is something you have to get used to."

Williams finished seventh in the 1500, but he is coming off a win at the USA Track & Field 10-mile championship in New Jersey where he picked up a $7000 paycheck. He is shooting for the American record in the 10,000 later this summer. The current record stands at 27:20.56 and was set in 1986 by Mark Nenow.

UT's Kellie White finished second in the 100 meters in a time of 11.39 to solidify her spot in the NCAA Championships.

Junior Aaron Ausmus placed fifth in the discus and third in the shot put at the Gatorade Track Classic.

SEC Championships: The men's track and field team wrapped up the outdoor season by posting a fourth place finish in the SEC Championships at Auburn, Ala., which concluded on May 18. efending champion Arkansas walked away with top honors by scoring 188 points. Florida was second at 115, LSU took third with 97, and Tennessee followed with 88 points.

Scoring for the Vols were Mike Moran with a fourth-place finish in the 1500, and Doug Ellington in the 5000 meters.

The Vols picked up points in the javelin as Tom Pappas had a personal best throw of 205-1 to finish fifth, and Phil Carter had a season best throw of 200-2 to take sixth. Diondre Jackson recorded a career best leap in the high jump at 7-3 3/4 to take fourth and become a NCAA provisional qualifier. The 4x100 relay team finished sixth with a time of 41.92.

EXPO 10,000/5000: In the EXPO 10,000/5,000 race in Knoxville, former Lady Vol assistant track coach and television personality, Missy Kane took top honors in the 5000 kilometers. She clocked a time of 18:47 to win by seven seconds. She is a five-time winner of the 10,000 kilometer event, but has not competed in either event since 1992. Kane caught the leader at the three-mile mark and it became a sprint to the finish.

— Rob Hardin

The Fearsome Foursome

Tennessee's version of the fearsome foursome has been training for a trip to Sacramento, Calif., at the end of May. However, this fearsome foursome does not play football and in reality is not even a foursome. This "foursome" is among the nation's top crews and if everything comes together, the Lady Vols varsity 4+ will compete at the first-ever NCAA Women's Rowing Championships, May 29-June 1, in Sacramento, Calif.

Even though this is only Tennessee's second season sponsoring an intercollegiate rowing program, the Lady Vols have one of the top fours in the nation, ranked fourth in the Central Region. With Amy Delashmitt, Janece Rittenberry, Suni Hartsfield and Megan Reinhart paving the way for the Lady Vols, UT looks to become a future fixture at the NCAA's.

However, the foursome could not be successful without the major contributions from the shell's pilot. Kelly Hitzing is the boat's coxswain and its fifth member, the "+" in the varsity 4+. Her contributions cannot be minimized, and the fact that the shell has only been rowing together since the start of spring says a lot for the talents of the freshman from Jacksonville, Fla.

Varsity 4+ hopes to challenge for Tennessee's first NCAA Rowing Championship. Debra Jones Photo.

Hitzing was one of Tennessee's main recruits to the program and at the start of the season was the only true freshman on the varsity. "She had more talent than anyone we had on the team," said head coach Susannah Iacovino.

Hartsfield joined the program only this year after spending last season at UT on the club team. Over Christmas, Hartsfield had reconstructive knee surgery to repair a torn ACL which had hindered her development.

The boat's other two members were one-time walk-ons. Rittenberry joined the team last year and is noted as a tenacious and fierce competitor. Rittenberry and Delashmitt make up the "engine room" of the shell.

The boat's true rookie is Reinhart, who only joined the team this year and had no previous rowing experience. A natural athlete, Reinhart has worked hard all year long and was moved to the varsity in the spring.

For all the varsity 4+ has accomplished this season, an NCAA berth is not secure after a third-place finish at the Central Region Championships. Tennessee's varsity 4+ placed behind the Region's two top-ranked fours, No. 1 Iowa and No. 2 Ohio State. Automatic bids are only granted to the top boat in each of the four regions, with 12 other berths also to be awarded. Virginia, the top-ranked team, finished behind UT in the Central Region race, marking the second time this season Tennessee's four defeated the Cavs boat. Virginia is likely to receive the Central Region's team bid, but a victory over its varsity 4+ could go a long way to earning an NCAA spot.

"No one expected us to be this good this soon," said Hitzing. "Other teams thought Tennessee was going to be an easy win, but then we went out and beat them. Now they know we have one of the best boats in the country."

EXTRA: The Lady Vol Rowing Varsity 4+ squad received an invitation to the NCAA Championship in only its second season of competition.

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Football Parking

Applications for 1997 season home football game parking will be mailed in the next few weeks. They are due in the Office of Athletic Development by June 22. All new assignments and changes will be granted according to turnover and donor levels. Please contact Claire Stone for more information.

GOLFING FOR BIG BUCKS: With one swing of a No. 7 iron, Paul Ramsey, Jr., second from left, earned $5,000 for VASF and another $5,000 for himself with a hole-in-one on No. 10 at the Cookeville Country Club during the Big Orange Caravan this past month. Ramsey is joined by (L-R), Phillip Fulmer, Mike Phipps and Jerry Green.

A Big Orange Caravan Personal Thank-You

The University of Tennessee Athletic Development Office would like to extend a big thank you to all of these individuals who helped make the 1997 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan a tremendous success: Charles C. Anderson Jr., Cathy Ashby, Brenda Baxter, Kerry & Susan Bell, Mike Bevins, Jack Billings Jr., Nancy Binkley, Dallas Blair, Robin Campbell, Scott Copeland, Don Davis, Richard Dycus, Jana Fuqua, Bill Jelks, Mike Kemp, Bob Kenworthy, Steve & Cindy Kroeger, Chuck Marsh, Mary Nelle Moreland, Terry Murphree, Scott Niswonger, Kristen Olkowski, Jim Pearson, Mike Phipps, Terry Pierce, Mike Quarles, Mike & Betty Roe, Mike Rose, Terry Smith, Bob Stevens, Fred Stewart, Wes Stowers, Allen & Susan Vaughn, Fred Waggoner, and Bobby Wells. The VASF would also like to thank the many volunteers from Memphis to Charlotte and everywhere in between, all of whom contributed to the success of the Big Orange Caravan. The success of the caravan would not have been without the support and help of these Volunteers. The VASF also wants to thank the Tennessee coaches and administrators who went to the various stops. Everyone had a great time and looks forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

A Big Orange Caravan Sponsor Thank You

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Summertime Alumni Picnics

There are two picnics sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving scheduled for this summer. The first is in Elizabethton on Tuesday, July 22, at Elizabethton High School. The second is Nashville on Thursday, July 24, at the National Guard Armory. Contact Steve Catlett at (423) 974-3011 for more details.

Welcome Back Barbecue

The Welcome Back Barbecue, a chance for Tennessee Volunteer fans to get up close and personal with the Tennessee football players and coaches, will be held on Saturday, August 23, in the Thompson-Boling Arena. Further information will be upcoming as the date nears. Mark your calendars now for this opportunity and some great food.

The Last Word...
THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

It's the 30th anniversary of a Tennessee tradition this year.

The rocky point in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the Tennessee/North Carolina border has been in existence for years. The point, known as Rocky Top, towers over the valley below into the deep, rich forest, known to the Cherokees as a land of blue smoke.

This isn't the only Rocky Top, and probably isn't the most famous.

The most famous of the Rocky Tops was born out of a diversion into a hotel room in Gatlinburg by two songwriters who came to Gatlinburg to get away from the hustle and bustle of the country-music business in Nashville.

The writers, Felice and Boudleaux Bryant, were working on a collection of songs about the golden years of life for Archie Campbell, Bob Ferguson and Chet Atkins.

Felice and Boudleaux Bryant, the authors of "Rocky Top."

Felice was getting tired of working on the project and refused to write another line. She wanted to take a break and write something else. She wanted to write something upbeat and happy. Boudleaux wanted keep working, but Felice refused.

He was upset about the turn of events and strummed down on his guitar and said, "O.K., How's This? 'Rocky Top, you'll always be home sweet home to me....'" As he uttered those now-famous words, Felice got into the spirit of the song and they kept throwing lines back and forth.

"Boudleaux accepted every dumb line I said, just to get it over with," Felice explained. "Ten minutes later, Rocky Top was finished, and I had my diversion and we went back to work. But, in the back of my mind, I kept thinking, 'what a gem.'"

Who knew this "gem," written in 1967, 30 years ago, at the Gatlinburg Inn in Room 388, would turn into the unofficial song for the University of Tennessee or one of Tennessee's official state songs?

R.L. and Wilma Maples provided the Bryants with a haven from which many of their hits were written. The Bryants would be the only people, besides the Maples, at the Inn. They would come in the offseason when the Inn was closed.

"The Maples would leave us alone for days and they would send in a maid every now and then to see if we were still alive, or if we had killed each other," Felice remembered.

The Bryants finished their work and headed westward toward Nashville. When they returned home, Sonny Osborne of the famed Osborne Brothers, called and said he had a session coming up and wanted to know if they had anything.

"Boudleaux was such a salesman," Felice explained. "He told him to come over and then he asked me if we had anything for them. I said what about that little bluegrass number we wrote in Gatlinburg, and he didn't remember it."

Felice remembered it. She found it and Boudleaux went over it to refresh his memory.

About that time, Sonny showed up and Boudleaux sat down and played the first line. Sonny jumped up and said, "That's great. I'll take it." He said his brother, Bobby, would come over to get the chord sheet. Felice said, however, "wait a minute. You haven't heard the whole song." Sonny said he had heard enough.

"He thought he was buying an unfinished song," Felice stated, "but we always finished the songs before we showed them to anyone."

You could say the rest is history. The Osborne Brothers recorded "Rocky Top," and it was a success. The Bryants have written many other hit songs, including "Wake Up Little Susie," "Bye, Bye Love," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Love Hurts."

Artists who have recorded their songs include Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkle, Tony Bennett, The Everly Brothers, "The King," Elvis Presley, The Beach Boys, Buddy Holly (and the Crickets, we suppose), and the Grateful Dead.

The Bryants have won over 40 awards from Broadcast Music, Incorporated, and are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

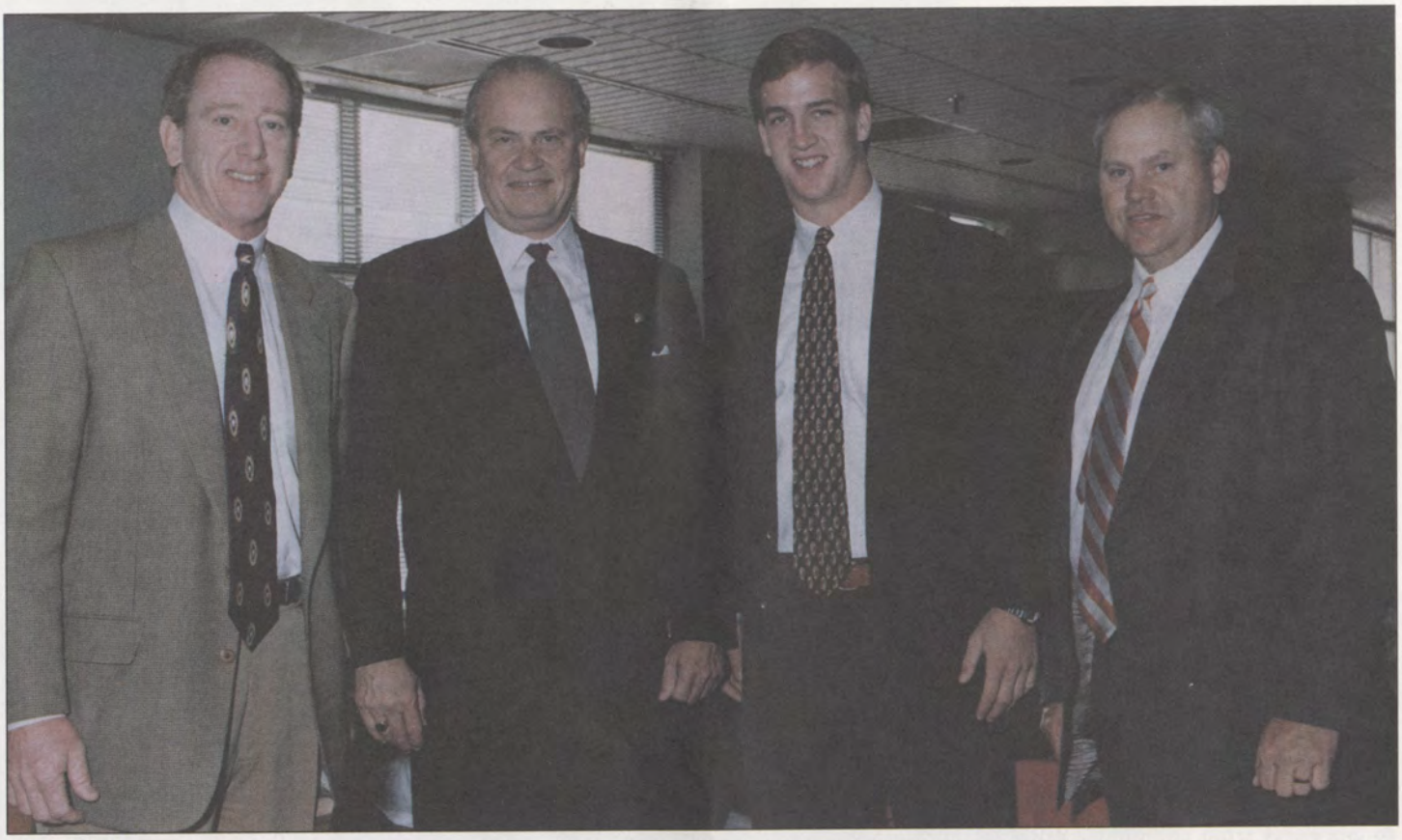
Now a word about "Rocky Top" and its roots at the University of Tennessee. As part of a country music show featuring a "Circle Drill," Dr. Julian and his staff came across the Bryant's song from that fateful day in 1967. The year was 1972. The rest is, as they say, history.

"Barry McDonald did a country music medley and put 'Rocky Top' in there," Julian remembered. "The crowd loved it and we started playing it. It's really a contagious tune. If you played it 50 times in a game, people wanted it again.

"The Bryants and I became friends during those years. When Boudleaux died, I went to the funeral. They had a string quartet and a flute player playing music written by Boudleaux and Felice. At the end of the service, the flute started playing 'Rocky Top' slowly and I know everyone in the room had a smile on their face."

Today, 30 years later from when it was written, 25 years away from that long-forgotten halftime show, "Rocky Top" still puts a smile of the faces of Volunteer fans.

— Compiled by Tom Mattingly



Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson (second from left) was the guest speaker at Spring 1997 commencement exercises. Pictured with Senator Thompson are (L-R) Archie Manning, Peyton Manning and Phillip Fulmer.

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